

REMARKS

Applicant has elected to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely Claims 2 and 3, in connection with the linking claims, namely Claims 1 and 5-21.

The claim of Group II, namely Claim 4, has been maintained in this patent application as it is linked to the claims of Group I.

The claims of Group III have been withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional patent applications on any or all of the withdrawn claims.

The election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for examination and allowance and respectfully requests such actions. If the examiner has any questions that can be resolved over the telephone, the examiner is invited to contact the below-signed attorney of record.

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